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Week 6 saw positive results for ACEC Kansas issues, both in what *did* happen and what *didn't* happen.

The first piece of great news is that SB 24 passed the Senate on a vote of 40-0 Thursday. This is the bill that updates statutes governing the Board of Technical Professions, supported by ACEC Kansas and all other disciplines governed by the Board. While we did not expect opposition on the bill, we are always wary of an amendment that proposes bad licensure law. It was a relief to see none forthcoming. The bill will now head to the House.

Conversely SB 211 and HB 2224, which we reported last week would make ill advised changes to statutes governing the Board of Technical Professions, remain dormant. The Committee Chairs on both the House and Senate side have indicated they are not likely to grant a hearing on either bill, which is great news.

We had reported last week that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation/Public Safety had voted to pull Governor Brownback's proposed sweep of \$140 million per year from the T-Works fund out of the budget. This change did not last long. That same committee reconsidered the motion and put the Governor's proposed cuts back in the budget. This is one in a series of maneuvers that is sure to continue through the end of session as different parts of the budget are considered. Particularly with budget issues, nothing is final until the legislature adjourns.

HB 2177, updating the Kansas Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), passed the House Local Government Committee Wednesday and will head to the House floor. ACEC testified in support of this bill. HB 2192, creating the environmental stewardship fund (which ACEC also testified in support of), and HB 2193, creating a Risk Management Program under the VCP, are both scheduled to be voted on in the House Energy and Environment Committee Monday.

HB 2255, which would eliminate the transportation revolving loan fund through which local units of government used KDOT to help bond projects, had a hearing in the House Transportation Committee Tuesday. KDOT supports this measure, but several local government entities showed up to oppose the change. The bill is not scheduled for a vote at this time, but House Transportation has not set its schedule for next week at the time of this writing.

SB 210 and HB 2317, which we previously reported would bring several bad contracting provisions to the table including the requirement that 70% of employees working on any Kansas state contract be Kansas citizens, appear to be dead in the water. We will continue to work to ensure they stay in exactly that position.

SB 253 and HB 2373 were introduced this week, both of which appear to sunset the current Kansas renewable portfolio standard, or RPS, as of January 1, 2016. Expect this issue to be very intense and controversial again, as it was in the 2014 session.

Next Friday is "turnaround day", by which most bills have to be passed by their chamber of origin or be dead for the session. Committees will work Monday and Tuesday, then each

Chamber will commit the rest of the week to working bills as a full body. This week and next are generally the busiest of the entire session. Stay tuned....

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
H Sub for SB 4 Legislative Post Audit Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	Approved by Governor	02/10/2015 Approved by Governor Sam Brownback
SB 24 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions act; definitions clarification	Passed in Senate	02/19/2015 - Senate Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
SB 29 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Removal of community improvement district sales tax administration fund aggregate cap	On General Orders in Senate	01/28/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Assessment and Taxation
SB 35 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	01/20/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Thursday, 1/22/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 36 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	Passed in Senate	02/19/2015 - Senate Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
SB 52 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	On Final Action in Senate	02/19/2015 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended
SB 64 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	On General Orders in Senate	02/12/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources
SB 80 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In Senate Commerce	01/27/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 81 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	01/28/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 107 Senate Commerce Committee	Public entities expenditures for energy projects intended to reduce energy costs	In Senate Commerce	02/11/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Commerce: Tuesday, 2/17, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 118 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Amending the powers and duties of the Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation and the state conservation commission	In Senate Natural Resources	02/02/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Natural Resources: Thursday, 2/5/2015,

			8:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 124 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Eliminating the sunset on landspreading of oil and gas drilling waste	On General Orders in Senate	02/19/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources
SB 138 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of health and environment from adopting rules and regulations relating to confined feeding facilities that are more restrictive than federal law	In Senate Natural Resources	02/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
SB 209 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Repealing the prohibition against agencies and municipalities requiring contractors to enter into certain labor agreements for public works construction projects	In Senate Commerce	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 210 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In Senate Commerce	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 211 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Technical professions; scope of practice	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/12/2015 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 227 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Local enhanced management areas; due consideration; corrective control measures	On General Orders in Senate	02/19/2015 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources
SB 245 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Repealer; certain bridge inspections	In Senate Transportation	02/18/2015 - Senate Referred to Transportation
SB 246 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Exempting certain state leases from energy audit requirements when such energy audit is not economically feasible	In Senate Utilities	02/18/2015 - Senate Referred to Utilities
SB 250 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Joint committee on state building construction; reports of the secretary of administration	In Senate Ways and Means	02/19/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Monday, 2/23, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 253 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In Senate Utilities	02/19/2015 - Senate Referred to Utilities
HB 2003 Michael Houser, R-1st	Cities; annexation of non-adjointing land	In Senate Local Government	02/12/2015 - Senate Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/17, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2012 Jim Ward, D-86th	Enacting the Kansas working families pay raise act	In House Appropriations	01/13/2015 - House Referred to Appropriations

HB 2014 Tom Sloan, R-45th	Authorizing the Kansas water office, with approval of the Kansas water authority, to establish the clean drinking water fee by rules and regulations and imposing a cap on such fee	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	02/13/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget: Thursday, 2/19, 1:30 PM, Rm 142-S
HB 2019 House Vision 2020 Committee	Property tax levy for the Kansas educational building fund	In House Taxation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/4/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2023 House Judiciary Committee	Legislative review of exceptions to disclosure of public records	In Senate Judiciary	02/04/2015 - Senate Referred to Judiciary
HB 2035 House Education Committee	Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act	In House Education	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Education
HB 2036 House Vision 2020 Committee	Electricity and the sale of renewable energy	In House Energy and Environment	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
HB 2037 House Vision 2020 Committee	Renewable energy generation and tax exempt entities	In House Energy and Environment	01/20/2015 - House Referred to Energy and Environment
HB 2038 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	01/20/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Appropriations: Wednesday, 1/21/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2039 House Judiciary Committee	Domestic case management	In House Judiciary	01/21/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Judiciary: Wednesday, 1/28/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 112-N
HB 2059 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Authorizing chief engineer to allow augmentation to secure water	On General Orders in House	02/17/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2063 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Amending the definition of project in the public water supply project loan program	On General Orders in House	02/11/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2068 House Transportation Committee	Removing requirement that bicycles use path	In House Transportation	01/28/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/5/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N

HB 2069 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing carryover and a change application for place of use for multi-year flex accounts	On General Orders in House	02/17/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2085 House Appropriations Committee	Contracts between the secretary of transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority; annual reports from the authority; director of operations	On General Orders in House	02/19/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Transportation
HB 2133 House Appropriations Committee	Appropriation revisions and supplementals for FY 2015 and FY 2016 for various state agencies	In House Appropriations	01/29/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Appropriations: Monday, 2/2/2015, 9:00 AM, Rm 112-N
HB 2153 House Appropriations Committee	Taxpayer empowerment, accountability and transparency in state contracting act	In House Appropriations	01/29/2015 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2156 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Public water supply storage; interest rate change	On Final Action in House	02/19/2015 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended
HB 2177 House Energy and Environment Committee	Voluntary cleanup and property redevelopment act	On General Orders in House	02/18/2015 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Local Government
HB 2192 House Energy and Environment Committee	Kansas storage tank act	In House Energy and Environment	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Final Action in Energy and Environment: Monday, 2/23, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
HB 2193 House Energy and Environment Committee	Solid and hazardous waste and the risk management program act	In House Energy and Environment	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Final Action in Energy and Environment: Monday, 2/23, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
HB 2194 House Transportation Committee	Establishing a safety corridor program	In House Transportation	02/04/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2224 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Scope of practice for technical professions	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/05/2015 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2227 House Agriculture and Natural Resources	Creating water conservation areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/05/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural

Committee			Resources: Thursday, 2/12/2015, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2233 House Energy and Environment Committee	Electric utilities and carbon dioxide emissions	In House Energy and Environment	02/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Energy and Environment: Wednesday, 2/18, 9:00 AM, Rm 582-N
HB 2245 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending procedure for cases involving groundwater	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2255 House Transportation Committee	Prohibiting the secretary of transportation from entering agreements or issuing bonds after December 31, 2014, for the transportation revolving fund and the communication systems revolving fund; repealing the intermodal transportation revolving fund	In House Transportation	02/11/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation: Tuesday, 2/17, 1:30 PM, Rm 582-N
HB 2267 House Appropriations Committee	Alternative project delivery; notice requirements and selection procedures	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible Action in Commerce, Labor and Economic Development: Tuesday, 2/24, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2296 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; public building commission; revenue bonds; election required	In House Local Government	02/18/2015 - House Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 2/24, 1:30 PM, Rm 281-N
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HB 2303 House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the secretary of health and environment to establish variances to water quality standards	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/12/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2314 Tom Burroughs, D-33rd	Repealing the prohibition against agencies and municipalities requiring contractors to enter into certain labor agreements for public works construction projects	In House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development	02/12/2015 - House Referred to Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
HB 2317 Brandon Whipple, D-96th	Requiring employment of Kansas workers for certain state contracts and tax incentives	In House Taxation	02/13/2015 - House Withdrawn from Commerce, Labor and Economic Development; referred to Taxation
HB 2351 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing conservation districts to sponsor local enhanced management areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/16/2015 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2373 House Taxation	Renewable energy standards act sunset	In House Energy and Environment	02/19/2015 - House Referred to Energy and

Committee			Environment
HCR 5011 House Education Budget Committee	Foresight 2020 strategic plan	In Senate Education	02/03/2015 - House Referred to Education